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BAGS UTILIZING ZIPPER MATERIAL**

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION

Dear Sir:

This response is being concurrently submitted with a Certificate of Correction for correction of the claim of priority under CFR §1.78(a)(2) for the above-issued patent.

Applicants filed a petition on September 24, 2004, to correct an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of prior-filed nonprovisional Application Serial No. 09/415,696, filed October 12, 1999. The petition was dismissed by the Office resulting in Applicants filing a renewed petition on February 22, 2005.

Applicants received a Requirement for Information notice from the Office dated June 6, 2005, in which the Office stated that Applicants' renewed petition did not reach the Office in time prior the above-identified application issuing as U.S. Patent No. 6,863,754. In the Requirement for Information notice, the Office asks Applicants to file a Certificate of Correction, by which the claim of priority on the face of the issued patent can be corrected.

Accordingly, Applicants are concurrently submitting herewith as an attached paper, a Certificate of Correction by which the claim of priority on the face of the issued patent is corrected.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Certificate of Correction should be issued without any expense to the Applicants under 37 CFR § 1.322, because the filing thereof is now necessitated through the fault of the Office as clearly expressed in the Request for Information notice. According to the Office, Applicants' renewed petition did not reach the appropriate official in sufficient time to aver the issuance of the application into the issued patent. However, Applicants timely filed the renewed petition for claiming priority on February 22, 2005. Accordingly, the necessity for filing the Certificate of Correction is clearly through the fault of the Office. Therefore, under 37 CFR § 1.322, Applicants submit that the Certificate of Correction should be issued without any expense to the Applicants. However, should the Office disagree with the Applicants regarding the fee for filing the Certificate of Correction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 22-0259.

Applicants respectfully request a favorable decision on the renewed petition for claiming priority in the present application. Applicants also respectfully request entry of the attached Certificate of Correction upon a favorable decision on the renewed petition. If there are any questions or comments regarding this response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 312-609-7848.

Respectfully submitted,

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